

Service for Fourth Sunday of Easter



St Laurence Church, Downton

Preparation

The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, says the Lord.

I will seek the lost,

I will bring back the strayed,

I will feed them with justice.

cf. Ezekiel 34:15-16

The Team Rector introduces the service

Music: O Praise Ye The Lord (Choir of St George's Chapel Windsor)

Prayer:

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession:

We are people who have preferred our ways to God's.
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us
confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Acts 2:42-end

John 10:1-10

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Reflection

Music: *O God, Be Gracious* (St Thomas Music Group)

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

The Collect

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory.

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Blessing:

Merciful Father,
who gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep you always under his protection,
and give you grace to follow in his steps;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Christ has made you a light for the nations,
so that his salvation may reach the ends of the earth.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.